

FABLE III DEVELOPERS SHOW UP DURING X10, OFFER CRYPTIC POEM

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GameSpy's journalists were knee-deep in Microsoft's X10 Convention. Among those present was the development team for the upcoming RPG game *Fable III*, the third installment in the beloved *Fable* franchise. Although Peter Molyneux wasn't among them at the time, head writer Mark Llabres Hill was present to showcase the game's new gameplay and mechanics.

He stated that *Fable III* will be focusing on three new skills: socializing, business, and politics. While these elements were present in previous games, more emphasis was placed as Lionhead Studios announced that the new protagonist will be a "monarch fighting to rule Albion". The kingdom of Albion will be focused upon, its people and infrastructure growing together with the player. This also means that the morality ending, of which *Fable* has been known for, will be tied to how good a king or queen the player will be.

Hill even read out a poem supposedly written by the protagonist, hinting on the possibility to rule Albion as an evil tyrant:

Difficult Life of a King

*"Oh thou must fret at the lamentations of many?
Should one must worry at the state of thy country?
Who are they who all but do is criticize and complain?
Whom not know the feeling of a king's disdain?"*

*I thyself am a bard by heart.
Let thy poem tell you a tale so dark.
From a mere prince who knew nothing but play.
Casted a side to wallow in my shame.*

*But the people spoke, rebelled, and blamed.
At the hands of thy brother, the tyrannical king.
Oh how he conquered them, brutalized, and enslaved.
And all they could do was lay down, cry and sing.*

*So who rallied these people to fight for their freedom?
Who was the one who stood to protect?
The one who learned magic and warfare?
All for them to be merry, jolly, and gay?*

*I killed for them!
I slayed for them!*

I uprooted trees and built them homes.

I ploughed, crawled, and begged!

Yet they repaid me with hatred and contempt.

Never fully satisfied, never satiated.

They'll see one far worse than their former king.

Maybe even more malevolent than the one from the void."

Fable III comes out this October 2010 for the Xbox 360.